

# Lake Joy Primary PTO

## What is the PTO?

PTO stands for **Parent Teacher Organization**. It is a non-profit organization that is independent from the school. The PTO is open to all parents/guardians at Lake Joy Primary School, and there is no fee to join.

The **President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer** are elected officers of the PTO, and along with the Principal and/or Vice Principal, and no more than two Faculty Representatives, comprise the **Executive Board**. PTO **Members** are parents, family members, and teachers who attend General Session meetings, provide ideas, and volunteer at events.

Each school's PTO may have a slightly different focus, but they all share the same desire to make the school a safe and inviting environment for students and families.

A PTA, **Parent Teacher Association**, is similar to a PTO. However, in order to be a PTA the group has to join the national PTA and pay dues to the national organization.

## Purpose of the Lake Joy Primary PTO

The Lake Joy Primary PTO focuses on getting parents involved in the classroom, family events, and fundraising. This PTO was founded in order to:

- Create a sense of unity among parents, educators, and the general public to secure the highest social, emotional, mental, and physical educational advantages for the students.
- Support adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- Bring the home and the school into closer relation so that parents and teachers may participate cooperatively in the education of the child.
- Help provide materials/supplies not covered through normal school funds.

## Membership

PTO membership is open to all parents and family members of Lake Joy Primary students, as well as faculty and staff. Members can attend meetings, volunteer, sign up to receive emails, and/or offer input and ideas.

Executive Board officers are elected parents/guardians of current students at Lake Joy Primary School.

## Why Get Involved?

- Meet other parents
- Get to know teachers and staff
- Gain a better understanding of what is happening in the school
- Demonstrate your support to your children
- Plan fun events and activities
- Help in the classroom

## PTO Executive Board

### **President**

Termeshea Arnold

Termeshea has been a classroom volunteer at Lake Joy Primary for two years. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia, where a BSW in Social Work as well as a BSFCS in Family and Consumer Sciences.

Termeshea and her family have lived in Warner Robins, GA for 4 years. Before moving to the area, she worked in Early Childhood Education for 5 years, and has since become a stay-at-home-mother for her family.

Termeshea two children, one of whom is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Lake Joy Primary School.

### **Vice President**

Brittney Ditto

Brittney Ditto is a mother of one child in the Special education Pre-K class at Lake Joy Primary. She is an Air Force Veteran and spouse. In the fall she will be attending Penn State University World Campus to complete her Masters of Special Education with a focus on Applied Behavioral Analysis/ Autism.

### **Secretary**

Rogeria Fouts

Rogeria Fouts is currently in the United States Air Force. She is working on her Bachelors in Human Resource Management at American Military University.

Rogeria is married with two beautiful kids, ages 6 (Ryleigh) and 4 (Markus Jr). Ryleigh will be in the 1st grade at Lake Joy Primary School. Rogeria looks forward to meeting everyone.

### **Treasurer**

Dennice L. Hillard

Dennice graduated from The University of Alabama with a bachelors degree in Accounting and a masters degree in Tax Accounting. She is a Certified Public Accountant ("CPA"), and an online Accounting Adjunct Instructor.

Dennice has three children, ages 6, 4, and 2. Two of her children will be attending Lake Joy Primary in the fall.

Dennice has volunteered with the PTO since her oldest son began school with LJP. Specifically, she has assisted the PTO by volunteering on Wednesdays, assisting with box top collections, and bringing various items for the PTO events. Dennice has also provided classroom assistance to her son's teacher.